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'Heartless': New York Times Sinks to 'New Low,' Suggests 24-Year-Old's Myocarditis Death Not Caused by Vaccine

Attorney Ray Flores, who on May 31 sued the U.S. Department of Defense on behalf of the estate of George Watts Jr., said the New York Times article "marginalized" the Watts family's "unspeakable suffering" and misrepresented Children's Health Defense's involvement in the case.

By Suzanne Burdick, Ph.D.

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The New York Times on Wednesday ran an article that "ridiculed" those seeking justice in the case of George Watts Jr., a 24-year-old man who died from complications of COVID-19 vaccine-induced myocarditis.

Attorney Ray Flores, who on May 31 sued the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) on behalf of Watts' estate, said the Times' article "marginalized the family's unspeakable suffering."

Flores told The Defender:

> "The New York Times ridiculed all those who advocate for the parents of George Watts, Jr., whose death, according to the Certificate of Death, was caused by 'COVID-19 vaccine-related myocarditis.'"
>
> "The Times also inaccurately characterized Children's Health Defense (CHD)'s involvement, as CHD is not a party in the suit."

Stewart A. Thompson, the author of "Behind the Birth of an Anti-Vaccine Story," describes himself as a Times reporter covering "how false and misleading information spreads online and how it affects people around the world."

CHD President Mary Holland accused the Times of sinking to "a new low." She told The Defender:

> "All that one needs to know about this article, totally lacking in empathy or journalistic integrity, is that it is by a journalist who 'focuses on misinformation, disinformation and other misleading content.'
>
> "This is to say, in straightforward language, that Mr. Thompson is a propagandist whose job is to counter inconvenient yet often true narratives that go against the government and the New York Times' primary advertisers, Big Pharma.
>
> "Mr. Thompson seems eager to suppress the reality that COVID vaccines are the most dangerous pharmaceutical product ever foisted on the global population."

Thompson's article has already drawn criticism from other readers including John Leake, co-author with Dr. Peter McCullough of the Courageous Discourse substack, who wrote:

> "The piece is a perfect example of reporting an incident while at the same time carefully minimizing its significance for the broader community.
>
> "This propaganda technique conveys the impression that the issue is being addressed instead of concealed while at the same time concealing the true scope of the problem."

Kim Mack Rosenberg, acting general counsel for CHD, agreed. She described the Times article as "heartless," telling The Defender:

> "The New York Times' distorted and inaccurate article is immensely unfair to the family of George Watts, Jr. but also is unfair to every Times reader. Readers deserve to know that these injections have caused harm — including death — to many Americans — and worldwide.
>
> "The Times attempts to preserve the narrative that these shots are 'safe and effective,' not only regurgitating a tired and demonstrably false narrative, but it does so at the expense of the Watts family, which already has suffered a horrific loss."

Rosenberg said she found it "unfathomable" that the Times "feels the need to question the credibility of the Watts family and others in order to censor accurate information and prop up a house of cards."

The article "is further evidence that investigative journalism is dying on the vine at what was once a fine publication," she added.

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'All the news coverage in the world will never bring my son back'

George Watts Sr. told The Defender he was "humbled" by all the news attention his family's tragedy was receiving. "I also grieve for all the other families whose lives have been destroyed by these deadly shots," he said.

"But," George Sr. added, "all the news coverage in the world will never bring my son back."

As previously reported by The Defender, George Watts Jr., was a student at Corning Community College in Corning, New York, when in the summer of 2021, the school mandated the COVID-19 vaccine for all students attending fall classes.

Watts waited to get vaccinated until the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) "approved" the Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine and got his first dose on Aug. 27, 2021. He was administered the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine authorized only for emergency use.

The FDA approved the Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine on Aug. 23, 2021, but the DOD didn't make it available.

Despite experiencing side effects from the first dose, Watts understood the vaccine to be "safe and effective," so he took a second dose on Sept. 17, 2021.

Following the second dose, Watts experienced more severe side effects, including numbness in his extremities, difficulty grasping and holding objects, a sinus infection, cough and sensitivity to light.

He visited the emergency room at the Guthrie hospital on Oct. 12, 2021, also complaining of a lump on the left side of his neck.

The hospital diagnosed him with sinusitis and prescribed an antibiotic. Watts returned to the ER on Oct. 19, 2021, concerned that he was not improving.

His health continued to decline. On Oct. 27, 2021, at home with his mother, Watts began coughing up blood and then became unresponsive. His mother called 911 and administered CPR.

Watts was taken to the ER where he was found to be in cardiac arrest and subsequently died. He had no previous medical history that could explain his sudden death. Watts also tested negative for COVID-19 in a post-mortem test.

The medical examiner ruled his cause of death to be "complications of COVID-19 vaccine-related myocarditis." His death certificate also listed COVID-19 vaccine-related myocarditis as the sole immediate cause of death.

Times casts doubt on George Jr.'s cause of death

In his article, Thompson seeded doubt regarding whether vaccine-induced myocarditis caused Watts' death, despite acknowledging that George Jr.'s death certificate "placed the blame squarely on the vaccine" and that it was "instantly obvious" to Watts' parents that the vaccine was their son's cause of death.

Thompson referred to COVID-19 vaccine-induced myocarditis as "an uncommon and often mild condition involving inflammation of the heart."

Thompson quoted Dr. Mary Jumbelic — a retired forensic pathologist and former chief medical examiner of Onondaga County, New York, who reviewed the details of George Jr.'s case — as saying she'd have "no problem putting myocarditis on the death certificate as the cause of death ... But the leap here is the conclusion that it's vaccine-related."

Thompson suggested the true cause of death is not yet known because the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is still preparing a report about George Jr.'s death:

> "If they [CDC officials] agree with the medical examiner, George Jr.'s death could become the first that the department has tied to vaccine-related myocarditis in the United States. If they disagree, it could offer more clarity about what happened to George Jr."

Leake said Thompson left important questions unanswered.

"At no point," Leake wrote, "in the report does the author consider any of the following questions:

> 1). Are cases of vaccine-induced myocarditis being overlooked, ignored and misdiagnosed?
>
> 2). Are treating physicians making a diligent effort to look for myocarditis in patients such as the subject of this report?
>
> 3). Are all unexpected deaths like the subject of this report being thoroughly investigated by medical examiners?

'I want justice for my son'

Meanwhile, Thompson's article focused intensely on recounting how the Watts family became acquainted with CHD. According to the Times:

> "The Children's Health Defense, the nonprofit founded by the anti-vaccine activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr., contacted the Watts family and solicited donations for the organization off their name."

Lucia Sinatra, co-founder of No College Mandates, told The Defender the Times got it wrong.

"I was furious when I read the piece," she said. "They'll do anything to discredit critics of the COVID vaccines, including CHD, by making it seem as if CHD used Watts' name for their own purposes."

CHD didn't initially reach out to the Watts family, she said. It was the other way around — and she facilitated the contact. Sinatra said:

> "Volunteers at my organization first made contact with the Watts family to see if we could learn more details about his death and write a story about it especially since the coroner determined it was Pfizer COVID vaccine-induced myocarditis."

Soon after that, Sinatra set up a series of phone calls with George Sr. "It was during these conversations that George said to me, 'I want justice for my son,'" she recalled.

Sinatra said she then reached out to CHD's Holland "to tell the Watts' story."

She said, "Mary and I continued speaking for a few weeks and then I introduced her to the Watts family."

Sinatra said she was on "a few early calls" with the Watts and their legal team, including Flores. "I had gained George's trust and he wanted me on board until he could comfortably transition to his legal team, which he has at this point."

On March 31, Flores filed the lawsuit — in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia — against the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and Lloyd Austin III in his official capacity as defense secretary.

Flores said the suit is "an important and timely case."

"With Pfizer's stock price down almost 50% YTD, it is no wonder that Mr. Thompson is targeting this extremely well-publicized case and belittling Mr. Watts and his supporters," Flores said.

The lawsuit alleges the DOD engaged in "willful misconduct" by continuing to exclusively allow distribution of the stockpiled version of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine that had been authorized for emergency use even after the FDA granted full approval to a different vaccine, Comirnaty.

According to the complaint, the DOD "capitalized on a quintessential 'bait and switch' fraud," using the fact that Comirnaty was FDA-approved to bolster its claims that the vaccine authorized for emergency use was "safe and effective," in a move that intentionally misled millions of Americans.

The lawsuit further alleges the DOD knowingly deceived Watts and other Americans for the purpose of mass human experimentation, which violates protections provided by the Nuremberg Code.

According to Flores, the Times article's chronology was "off" in saying CHD contacted the family and quickly sought donations for the suit. "I decided to take the case and filed over one year later. Only about one month after it was filed, did CHD send out an e-appeal to donors."

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Lawsuit wasn't 'brought' by CHD

The Times also inaccurately reported that CHD "approached" the Watts family, "kick-starting a relationship that resulted in a long-shot lawsuit brought by the Watts family and C.H.D."

Flores said that saying the lawsuit was "brought by the Watts Family and CHD" was also incorrect. "Funding and bringing are different things. Bringing means initiating, filing. Funding means to pay," he said.

"CHD has generously agreed to pay for costs of the suit," he said.

But Flores — not CHD — is legally representing the Watts family. He is not being paid hourly from CHD for his work on the case and the complaint doesn't seek attorney fees.

Flores is the case's only attorney of record and is not a staff CHD employee. He is a senior outside counsel to CHD who is retained and is an attorney of record in several other active CHD cases.

Times writer avoids quoting Flores

Thompson said the Times "conducted dozens of interviews over several months for this article — including with the Watts family; the coroner's office in Bradford County, Pa., which reviewed the case; and myocarditis experts, pathologists, lawyers and doctors who have reviewed details about George Jr.'s case."

Indeed, Flores said on Oct. 4 Thompson interviewed him — but then chose not to mention Flores or any of his comments in the article.

Flores said he believed Thompson was looking for ways to ridicule allegations in the complaint about "guinea pigs" and violations of the Nuremberg Code. Flores said:

> "In the interview, I pointed out that the federal court chastised the DOD by labeling soldiers who were forced to take experimental anthrax vaccines as 'guinea pigs.' The DOD lost in D.C. Federal Court and was forced to rescind the mandate."

Flores pointed out to Thompson that the complaint cited Federal Judge Emmet G. Sullivan's 2004 ruling, which stated:

> "Congress has prohibited the administration of investigational drugs to service members without their consent. This Court will not permit the government to circumvent this requirement."

Flores also pointed out Sullivan's 2003 ruling, which said, "The United States cannot demand that members of the armed forces also serve as guinea pigs for experimental drugs."

"For some reason," Flores said, "any reference to our conversation about the court's characterization was omitted."

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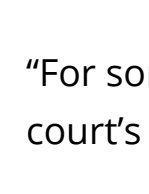

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Busybody mainstream journalists have gaslighted the vaccine injured and their families for generations. These people are without scruple or decency.
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Gaslighting the public is a serious crime. Corruption is tolerated too easily.
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1.) "FOIA'd Emails Reveal Highest-Level Leaders at "White House, HHS, CDC, NIAID, AAP" All Knew COVID Vaccines "Linked to Myocarditis," Yet Publicly 'Covered Up' Findings."

DailyClout received the third, 131-page release of documents from Attorney Edward Berkovich's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The FOIA request stated: "I request emails sent by and received by Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, Sherri A. Berger, and Kevin Griffis (all of whom are CDC personnel) on dates beginning February 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021, containing the word myocarditis." Astonishingly, the emails reveal that the most senior of leaders, all the way up to the "White House, knew about heart damage linked to mRNA vaccines yet colluded behind the scenes to conceal this side effect from the American people".
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2.) "FDA forced to release documents 'admitting they knew' COVID vaccines caused heart inflammation"
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TheRefusers
3 days ago
Deja vu for me, my daughter died after a hep B vaccine in NYC in 1998 and they covered it up, including the NY TImes. I wrote a song about it.

Vaccine Needle Stole My Baby Away

My baby was a child so strong, healthy baby never did no wrong
Then we took her to that infant doctor, they took a needle and shot her

That evening she stopped breathing, her face turned blue, oh Lord her face turned blue
There was nothing, nothing we could do. Lord, nothing we could do

The next morning that hearse came round, took my baby back into town
And I carried her in my arms, and I buried her in the ground

I'll fight them, fight them till my dying day. Lord 'till my dying day
Vaccine needle stole my baby away Lord stole my baby away

The police came to look at our house. They wanted to see if we had killed her ourselves
I said Mr. Policeman she was perfectly fine, until that doctor killed that child of mine

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ralphdevane@msn.com → TheRefusers
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Dr. Judy Mikovits wrote about the bad history of the vaccine industry in the U.S. beginning in 1936, where over 100 health care workers died from a vaccine resulting in a $5 mil payout for damages by a pharmaceutical company owned by John Rockefeller.
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heart breaking, but strong processing -
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Paul Hastilow
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So Called "Reporter Stewart A Thompson" who happens to work for some Daily Rag in New York City.! Wants to "Belittle" an Already "Grieving Family", when He is No "Expert" in anything ….let alone "Journalist Integrity", concerning the Truth.
He would rather Castigate the Family for "Even Contemplating" bringing charges against a Corrupted and Fraudulent entity ,that wilfully Killed their Son
With a "Proven Toxic Substance" Fabricated as a Bio Weapon in America, then With "Gain of Function" in China.
This "Judas Thompson" in search of His "30 Pieces of Silver" can go So Low as a Snakes Belly , to Lie , and Deceive the Public with Grossly Inaccurate reporting
On a World Wide "Sudden Death" epidemic created by Governments,
Using Eugenics for the Purposes of "Depopulation" and "Tyrannical Control" which is clearly "A Crime Against Humanity". Bow your Head and Weep…you Creep.!
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Ricky Ricardo
3 days ago
Every person who pushed, coerced, promoted, recommended, mandated, ordered, in any way shape or form, those mRNA bioweapon injections on the populations; should be shot and pissed on - and not necessarily in that order; especially the Media Whores who have all sold their soul a long time ago!
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Missy
3 days ago
Lets pray for all the families who have been impacted by this devils injection. My daughter got it in 2021 and has not been healthy since.
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John LePauvre
2 days ago
I clicked on the "Stuart A. Thompson" link and found that the other articles listed there were completely consistent with the current "heartless" article, which proves to me that the NYT has an agenda which favors "heartless" companies like Phizer. Thomson is just a willing abetter of this agenda, i.e. he is a "heartless" human being and a dishonest human being to boot.
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Rob DF
3 days ago
It's the NYT. What else would you expect? They're a propaganda mouthpiece and don't even bother to hide it anymore. Personally I think WMDs in Iraq is the all time low - helped produce about 1M casualties of war.
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BH387 → Rob DF
2 days ago
But how many life years lost has the COVID jab propaganda aided and abetted all over the planet? And vax propaganda and vax injury cover-up, in general?
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tony
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Vaxxecuted
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Bill H RRT
3 days ago
Everyone knows that the NYT is a publication for the deep state. Anyone who reads and assimilates anything that comes from it shouldn't be taken seriously, at all. That includes the WP, too, among many other MSM examples.

The only way to go mostly is independent media for accurate information.
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BH387 → Bill H RRT
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And the more they waffle crap like this, the more people will come to realize it, and the more the propaganda machine will be regarded as very malodorous toast.
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Alison
3 days ago
Thompson needs his booster. Put his "medicine", where his mouth is.
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THOB
2 days ago
Unfortunately I share the Thompson name. But that is the only thing I have in common with this journalistic creep. Bought by pHARMa, he is willing to belittle the grieving of a family that has likely lost a son to this horrendous medical assault or plandemic that has reeked so much havoc around the world. How so many can still so any faith in a regime that has devastated so many with injury, miscarriage, and ultimately death all around the world. The so called 'vaccines' were only their icing on top of all the financial and family damage the perpetrated with their other coercive 'treatment' measures such as intubations, Fauci's financials (anti-virals) masks, curfews, restrictions and lockdowns. Unbelievable Stupidity.
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BH387
2 days ago
Heartless and slanderous. The only thing positive I can take from this is that the NYT Times' credibility has also sunk to a new low, and this big pharma ad being disguised as a news source is bound to be be taken less seriously than The Onion, though nowhere near as entertaining.
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Kris
3 days ago
The NYT is only good for lining a bird cage. It's a whored-out mouthpiece for the corrupt U.S. government and CIA. The flatbacking whore masquerading as a journalist should be taken out and tarred and feathered.
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stevor
3 days ago
line up all the NYT idiots and give them 5 boosters
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Mayfield
3 days ago
The NY Times has no credibility, a propaganda foghorn that fails to tell the truth about covid vaccine deaths including that of George Watts Jr. Pfizer headquarters is conveniently located in NYC for fund transfers $.
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Ian F
3 days ago
Since we have precedent (Alex Jones trial), I hope the family sues the New York Times, and Stewart Thompson for a Billion dollars (as was the settlement in the Jones case) and hopefully in the case of the former, into utter oblivion.
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Elizabeth
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I find Mary Holland's analyses of cases and commentary on issues to be superb. Her solid rhetoric sets the record straight, succinctly. More, please....
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r2bzjudge
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"Times casts doubt on George Jr.'s cause of death"

The Times casts doubt on its own credibility. The CDC is not to be trusted, as they have repeatedly demonstrated. They hid the death safety signal for 2 years. They hid the V-Safe data until forced to by a court. The Covid shots are not safe or effective as the CDC claimed. In the Pfizer trial more people died in the vax group than the placebo group. That was an end point failure. The CDC tried to keep the Pfizer trial data hidden, by doling it out at 500 pages a month, which would have taken 75 years. A court had to order the CDC to dole it out at a much faster rate of 5,000 pages a month. It is finally all released.

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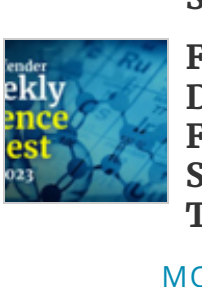

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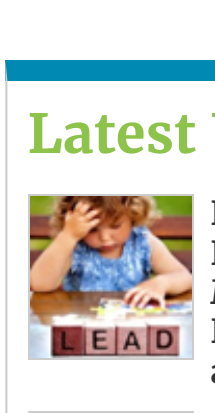

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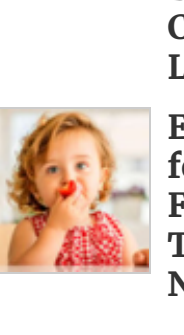

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Stewart Thompson should consider interviewing people that visit the Vax-Unvax Bus sponsored by CHD. He may join the long list of medical professionals and scientists that have doubts about the safe and effective jab.

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